

REMARKS

In the Advisory Action dated December 11, 2008, the stated that Cole discloses the use of bill readers (peripherals) by two separate gaming machines in which the communication can be wired or wireless. Par. [0119] and [0120] of Cole. It is respectfully submitted that this is not an accurate description of what Cole discloses. Cole does not disclose wireless communication between a peripheral (a bill reader is what is disclosed) and a master gaming controller of a gaming machine. In par. [0119] it is stated:

In order to accommodate the function of the player placing a wager, one or both of the [gaming] units may have a card reader, bill validator/coupon acceptor or the like, in the event just one of the separate [gaming] units has the credit accepting/ verifying device, *then the second unit may be linked to the first with a wireless or wired data connection* permitting transfer of credit information and the like.
(Brackets and italics added)

Accordingly, the two gaming machines are linked wirelessly, but there is no wireless link between the peripheral to the gaming machine. In other words, the two master gaming controllers are

Wirelessly linked, but the peripheral is not disclosed as wireless linked to a master gaming controller.

The examiner further relies on alleged broader teachings in Cole. In par. [0120] it is stated:

The credit accepting device, such as a coupon reader, may not be physically linked with both games, but the accepted credit may be used to play both games as described above, such may be accomplished through a single master controller, through a data communication link between separate gaming controllers or in other manners.

This cited paragraph means that the coupon reader may be linked to a single master controller, which in turn is linked to each gaming controller. There is no explicit disclosure that any

of these links is wireless.

The only wireless communication link disclosed in these paragraphs of Cole is between two gaming machines for the limited purpose of transferring credit data, not between a peripheral and a master gaming controller.

Moreover, there is no wireless communication manager disclosed. It is submitted that Cole does not contemplate a separate wireless manager since only a simple wireless transmission and reception of data between two gaming machines is contemplated.

For the foregoing reasons, it is again submitted that the claims are not anticipated by Cole.

Lazzarotto deals with the problem of making a wireless peripheral interface for coupling with a USB to connect wireless peripherals, like a mouse, keyboard, modem, printer, etc. to a host computer. Such a system has applicability to a single host computer and its peripherals. It has applicability for wireless communication between the peripherals and peripheral interface. But there is no motivation or need to communicate further with a wireless communications manager (a different component from the peripheral interface or peripheral manager) that is executed by a master gaming controller. There is simply too much modification to both the systems of Cole and Lazzarotto to arrive at the present invention without any teaching in this art that there is a need to do this. Accordingly, it is submitted that the claims are unobvious over Cole and Lazzarotto. It is requested that these references not be applied against the present claims and that the application be passed to issue.

Thus, upon entry of the Amendment After Final dated November 4, 2008, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Should the examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, applicant's attorney requests that the examiner contact him at the telephone number below.

Applicants hereby petition for any additional extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 504480 (Order No. IGT1P060X2).

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